to about 98.8% population of the country and also to various parts of the world (through Short Wave/MW), except in North and South America. Doordrashan signals are available in satellite mode throughout the country and also in a number of countries in Middle-East, Africa, Asia, Europe, CIS, USA, Canada and Australia. Terrestrial Doordarshan coverage is available to about 89.4% of the population of our country.

(b) The targeted Radio and TV coverage for the year 2002-2003 is 98.83% and 91% of population of the country respectively.

(c) and (d) Installation of a number of Radio and TV Transmitters of varying capacities are under implementation for expansion of terrestrial coverage in the country. Regular monitoring of projects is undertaken at different levels to ensure their timely completion and no apparent constraints are envisaged in this endeavour.

Cases registered Against officials of Prasar Bharati

384. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of cheating and criminal breach of trust has been registered against some officials of Prasar Bharati Corporation and others for causing a loss of Rs. 13.79 crore to the Corporation;

(b) if so, the officials held responsible;

(c) the fraud unearthed;

(d) the action taken against them; and

(e) the steps being taken to check such frauds in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Closure of Media Units

385. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is in favour of closure of several media units including the DAVP, Directorate of Film Festivals, Films Division, Directorate of Field Publicity and Song and Drama Divison, as suggested by Expenditure Reforms Commission;